



Good Friday, April 2, 2021
Good Friday Vespers
Service of Tenebrae
7:00 PM

PRELUDE

Meditations on Were You There

Gordon King, arr.
Charles Callahan, arr.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 53:3-6

Leader: He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces; he was despised, and we held him of no account.

People: *Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.*

Leader: But he was wounded for *our* transgressions, crushed for *our* iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

People: *Like lost sheep, we have all gone astray; we have all turned away, and he has suffered the iniquity of us all.*

HYMN 228 (vv. 1-2)

Were You There

WERE YOU THERE

*(1) Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)*

*(2) Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (Were you there?)
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (Were you there?)*

TEXT: African American spiritual
MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Melva Wilson Costen, 1987
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OPENING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Loving God, we find ourselves alone in the darkness. We have not followed your teachings as we should have done. We have forgotten our neighbors in need. We have forgotten, too, that you died for us all to live fuller lives in you. Help us remember you this night. Help us see you in our lives, in the faces of the destitute, and the moments of each and every day. Help us feel you in our hearts. Help us worship you as our Lord and God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
Chancel Choir

PASSION CHORALE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 19:25-27

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

HOMILY "The Final Bequest"

The Reverend Dr. Ellen Clark Clémot

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

The Shadow of Mercy
Luke 23:26; 32-37

Dr. Deborah Simpkin King

The Shadow of Comfort
John 19:20-27

Douglas Clark

The Shadow of Humility
Luke 23:39-43

Rebecca Williams

The Shadow of Longing
John 19:28-29

Marc Bliemel

The Shadow of Persecution
Matthew 27:45-53

Janice Williams

The Shadow of Innocence
Luke 23:44-49

The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

The Shadow of Peace
John 19:30; 38-42

The Reverend Dr. Ellen C. Clémot

When the last candle is extinguished, the sanctuary will be in darkness, symbolizing the death of Jesus. Please listen in silence as the bell tolls.

This Good Friday service is led by The Reverend Dr. Ellen C. Clémot
and The Reverend Thomas A. Brown.

Tonight's cantors are Douglas Clark and Dr. Deborah Simpkin King.

Special thanks to Marc Bliemel, Douglas Clark, Dr. Deborah Simpkin King, and
Janice and Rebecca Williams for participating in the service and to
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EASTER SUNDAY, April 4 at 10 AM (livestreamed)